

Fiscal Services Division
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Fiscal Note

SF 2085 - Collisions, Accidents & Casualties (LSB 5885 SS)
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Description

Senate File 2085 changes the penalties for boat operators leaving the scene of a boating accident from a simple misdemeanor to the following:

1. If there is property damage, the boat operator will be convicted of a serious misdemeanor.
2. If there is injury to a person, the boat operator will be convicted of an aggravated misdemeanor.
3. If the accident results in the death of a person, the boat operator will be convicted of a Class D felony.

Assumptions

1. During FY 2005, there were two convictions for boat operators leaving the scene of a boating accident.
2. The average State costs for one serious misdemeanor conviction ranges from \$105 (court costs) to \$4,000 (court costs, jury trial, indigent defense, and prison).
3. The average State costs for one aggravated misdemeanor conviction ranges from \$1,600 (court costs and probation) to \$6,100 (court costs, jury trial, indigent defense, prison, and parole).
4. The average State costs for one Class D felony conviction ranges from \$3,100 (court costs, probation, and indigent defense) to \$12,100 (court costs, jury trial, indigent defense, prison, and parole).

Correctional Impact

The correctional impact of SF 2085 is expected to be minimal.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of SF 2085 is expected to be minimal.

Sources

Department of Human Rights – Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division
Department of Natural Resources
Indigent Defense
Judicial Branch

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